

House Resolution 1414

By: Representatives Epps of the 140th and Cole of the 125th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Sheriff Robert N. "Butch" Reece and inviting him to be
2 recognized by the House of Representatives; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Sheriff Robert N. "Butch" Reece is highly regarded by the citizens of this state
4 and by local government officials as a person of unquestioned integrity and dedication to the
5 sound principles of law enforcement; and

6 WHEREAS, Sheriff Reece graduated from Jones County High School in Gray, Georgia, and
7 attended Abraham Baldwin College and the University of Georgia; and

8 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty in the United States
9 Army, valiantly and courageously protecting democracy; and

10 WHEREAS, Sheriff Reece has dedicated 32 years to law enforcement and served as Sheriff
11 of Jones County since 1981; and

12 WHEREAS, during his tenure as sheriff, he has been instrumental in launching an enhanced
13 911 service for Jones County, establishing a new Law Enforcement Center in 1998, creating
14 the Safe House for victims needing temporary placement, and implementing new courthouse
15 security protocol; and

16 WHEREAS, his leadership and commitment has been recognized with numerous honors and
17 awards, including a Distinguished Humanitarian Award from the Georgia Sheriff's
18 Association, an Outstanding Citizen Award from Woodman of the World, the 1987 Law
19 Enforcement Officer of the Year Award from the Jones County Lions Club, a 1992 Male
20 Citizen of the Year Award from the Jones County/Gray Chamber of Commerce, a Justice
21 Integrity Service Award from the Department of Justice United States Marshall, and a
22 District Award of Merit; and

23 WHEREAS, Sheriff Reece has been united in love and marriage to his wife, Linda, for 39
24 wonderful years, and they have been blessed with two children, Robert and Keri, and twin
25 grandsons, Max and Reece; and

26 WHEREAS, Sheriff Reece has exhibited extraordinary devotion to duty, outstanding loyalty,
27 fine leadership, and meticulous attention to detail in all his duties, and his efficient and
28 effective commitment to excellence has been continually recognized by his peers; and

29 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the members of this body show their
30 gratitude for the unique and often unheralded contributions of Sheriff Reece and all local law
31 enforcement officers on behalf of the citizens of this state.

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
33 the members of this body commend the selfless dedication exhibited by Sheriff Robert N.
34 "Butch" Reece in carrying out the difficult duties of his vocation for over three decades,
35 extend to him their utmost appreciation for having so purely and truly defined for others the
36 meaning of public servant, and invite him to be recognized by the House of Representatives
37 at a date and time to be determined by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
39 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Sheriff Robert N. "Butch"
40 Reece.